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Subject: EPA Approval of K Basins Sludge Design Change, re DOE letter 04-AMCP-0342

Dear Mr. Earley: *Larry*

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has received DOE letter 04-AMCP-0342 titled "K Basins Interim Remedial Action Design Change - K East Basin Sludge Consolidation Containers" dated 7 July 2004. The EPA has reviewed the letter and its enclosure (Fluor Hanford letter FH-0400940) and approves this design change. The EPA understands that consolidation of the sludge into these containers will facilitate the next steps towards basin deactivation and demolition/removal. However, continued storage of sludge in these containers will prevent completion of deactivation and demolition/removal of the basin. The EPA would expect the K Basins Project staff to not let this interim activity be a distraction from and delay to deactivation and demolition/removal of the basins. If you have any questions, please give me a call at 509-376-9884.

Sincerely,

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